



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 (Paper No. 2), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.